STEP.29

I WAS CURIOUS WHAT YOU'D COME UP WITH.
SO YOU WANT TO TAKE PICTURES WITH THE MASCOT?
THAT'S A BIT SURPRISING.
Next in line, please step up!
MY YOUNGER SIBLINGS WANTED ME TO GET SOME.
OH, ME TOO, ME TOO!
HUH?!

H-Hold it right there, what am I thinking? Stupid, he's talking about getting a photo with the mascot!
...
...
Brag.
I'M TOTALLY BRAGGING ABOUT THIS TO MY SISTER.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO SHOW THIS TO THEM NOW?!
Speaking of whom, how old are your siblings?
Eh? Well...
Hehe
THAT'S WONDERFUL.
YAE-CHAN'S EMBARRASSED, BUT SHE LOOKS HAPPY.

YUP!
SEEING YAE-CHAN HAPPY MAKES ME FEEL HAPPY TOO!
SEEING HIMARI-SAN HAPPY DOES THE SAME TO ME.
HEH.
LIKE I COULD ACTUALLY SAY THAT.

GETTING SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT HER OUTFIT,

WORRYING ABOUT HOW SHE'D BE SEEN,

I'M SURE IT'S ALL BECAUSE SHE SEES HIM IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT NOW.

IT'S PRETTY AMAZING.
IF THEY REALLY DO END UP TOGETHER LATER ON, THEN TODAY WILL BE A DAY TO REMEMBER.
FUFU, THAT'S RIGHT.
When it all began
デッテレテー
RELATIONSHIPS COME ABOUT IN ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS, DON'T THEY?
TAKE THESE TWO: STARTING AS ACQUAINTANCES AND MOVING ON FROM THERE.
THEN IN OUR CASE, IT ALL BEGAN WITH A CONFESSION.

That's not true, Satoru -kun.
In our case...
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HEEY!
FOODS

Let's go!
Let's ride this next!

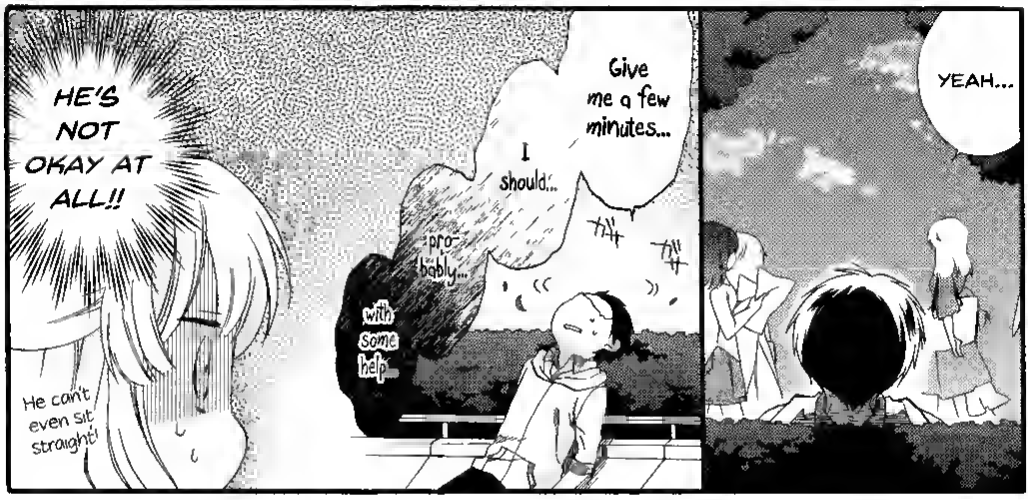
In our case,
we're not... yet...

OBVI-OUSLY...
It's their biggest roller coaster
I GUESS THAT LAST ONE REALLY WAS TOO MUCH, HUH?

NO, I WON'T.
Chill.
YOU'LL GET LOST!!
YOU CAN'T GO ALONE!!
I'LL GO BUY SOMETHING COLD FOR YOU TO DRINK.
And I'll also grab something for the two of you while I'm at it.
UH-OH, I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE...

Went along to help carry stuff, not to prevent him from getting lost
We'll be back soon!

SATORU -KUN, ARE YOU OKAY?


HE'S NOT OKAY AT ALL!!
He can't even sit straight!
Give me a few minutes...
I should...
-probably...
with some help...
YEAH...

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THERE MUST BE SOME-THING I CAN DO...

Sigh

I guess it might make him feel better... but...
But... that's so...
Peek

SA-
SA-TORU-KUN!
UM,
P-
PLEASE GO AHEAD!!
...HUH?

I KNOW IT LOOKS BAD, BUT LETTING ME CRY ON YOUR SHOULDER IS... WELL, I MEAN...
I don't feel that horrible
Th-
THAT'S NOT IT!
...?
...
UH.
Y-YOU CAN USE... AS A LAP P-
WAIT, IS IT INAP-PROPRIATE TO SAY "LAP PILLOW"?
P-
PLEASE USE MY THIGHS!!
!?
EVEN WORSE

WOULDN'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER IF YOU WERE LYING DOWN?
AH... NO...
When you put it like that... I really can't.
だらだら
...OKAY.
ドク
This is no time to be embarrassed.
Himari-san kindly offered this because she's concerned about me...

S-
SORRY.
HUH?!
NO WORRIES! I'M THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED IT IN THE FIRST PLACE!
...DOES IT FEEL ANY BETTER?
YEAH, THANKS. IT REALLY DOES...
THAT SAID, I'M FEELING INSANELY NERVOUS RIGHT NOW!!
Same with her, and she can't even budge

SORRY ABOUT THIS.
Sigh...
IT'S FINE, REALLY.
Fufu
NO,
NOT ABOUT THAT.

HIMARI -SAN...
YOU LIKE ROLLER COASTERS, BUT I CAN'T EVEN RIDE THEM.
I WAS THINKING THAT I JUST CAN'T KEEP UP.
SATORU -KUN.

You didn't enjoy it.
It was hard for you.
BUT YOU STILL WENT ALONG WITH WHAT I WANTED?
The lights will turn on in...
5!
4!
3!
DID YOU BEAR WITH IT
FOR MY SAKE?
I LO-

I
REALLY
LOVE
YOU.

RAILROAD CROSSING
I want to be someone who can stand next to you without feeling ashamed.
That's right.

Even if it's hard.
Even if it hurts.
It's my turn to bear with it.

Even if it makes you hate me.

...THANK YOU.
For today,
and for everything else as well.

I CAN ONLY WISH THAT
AND SO
?
WHEN I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I CAN DO IT GENTLY. WITHOUT HURTING YOU MORE THAN I HAVE TO.